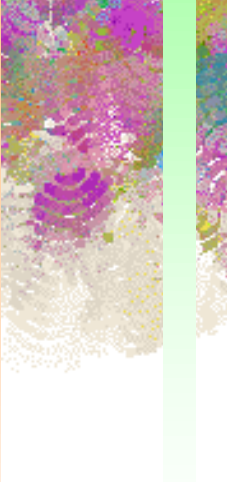


VOLUNTARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (VAP)



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INTRODUCTION

- LOP addresses soil and water contamination resulting from releases of petroleum hydrocarbons from UST systems
- VAP addresses soil and water contamination resulting from releases of all hazardous chemicals from any other source
- Site Designation addresses soil and water contamination from various sources, through the site designation process by CAL-EPA's Site Designation Committee



INTRODUCTION Continued....

- VAP is funded by project owners/responsible parties according to an agreement between project owners/RPs and the DEH
- VAP is authorized according to the California Health & Safety Codes, Sections 101480-101490



RESPONSIBLE PARTY

California Health and Safety Code
Section 101480 defines RP as:

- “A person who requests a local officer to supervise remedial actions with respect to a released waste”



OBJECTIVES

- To provide services to the public in addition to what is addressed in the LOP
- To help project owners achieve their project goals



SCOPE OF WORK

- Assist project owners and their consultants with **planning and implementing** environmental investigation and remediation activities, tailored specifically to the nature of their problems, in order to **achieve their project goals**
- Review and evaluate **Phase I** and **Phase II** reports



SCOPE OF WORK Continued.....

- Review results of soil and water investigations and **render opinions** on recommendations given in the reports
- Review **risk analysis** and risk management reports and render opinion
- Review **Public Health and Safety** documents prepared for a project




END PRODUCT

- Issue official “**concurrence**” letters to satisfy requirements of other entities or other regulatory agencies
- Issue official “**NFA**” letters, or similar documents, to certify that the cleanup goals were accomplished
 - Protect Public Health, Water Resources, and the Environment



APPLICANTS:

- Property owners & prospect buyers:
 - Transfer of ownership
 - Construction, building additions, etc...
- Developers & City Redevelopment Agencies:
 - Convert farm lands to residential
 - Other site use changes
 - Shopping strip mall expansion, etc...
- Banks & lending agencies:
 - Appraisal
 - Title transfer, etc...



TIME TABLE

- Five working days from receipt of a complete application package to do the following:
 - Verify property address, APN, & assign H#,
 - Verify property ownership,
 - Complete data entry into DEH data base,
 - Obtain approval from RWQCB & DTSC, and
 - Assign the project to a DEH Project Manager
- 30 to 60 days for Project Manager to review
- SAM can refuse to accept a VAP application

BILLING PROCEDURE

- Billing rate is \$90.00 per hour staff time
- Invoices sent to applicants on quarterly basis
- Invoices must be paid within 30 days
- Assistance not provided on delinquent accounts
- If work ceases, or if an application is withdrawn, notification may be sent to DTSC and/or the RWQCB, if significant contamination still exists

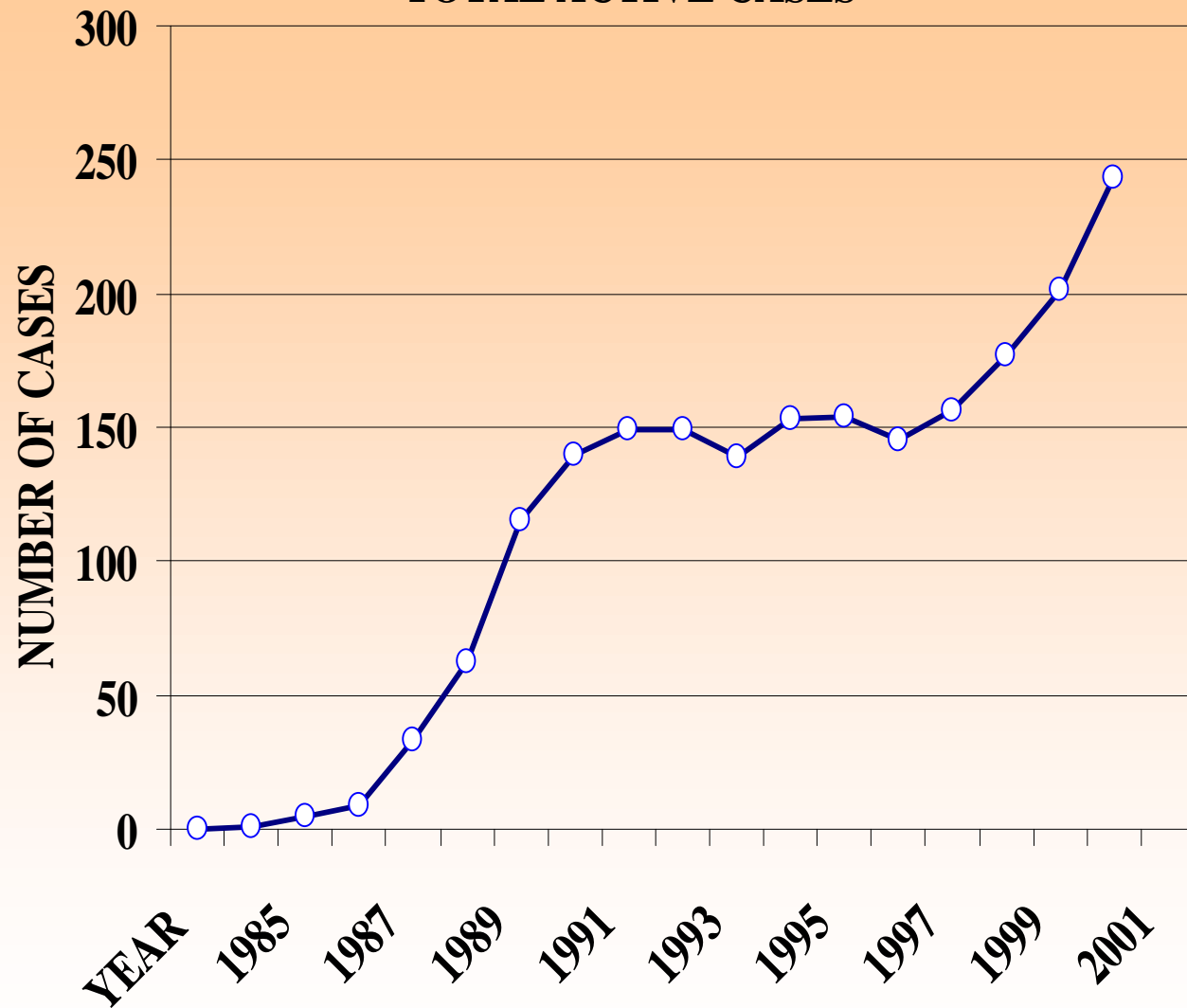


SITE DESIGNATION PROGRAM

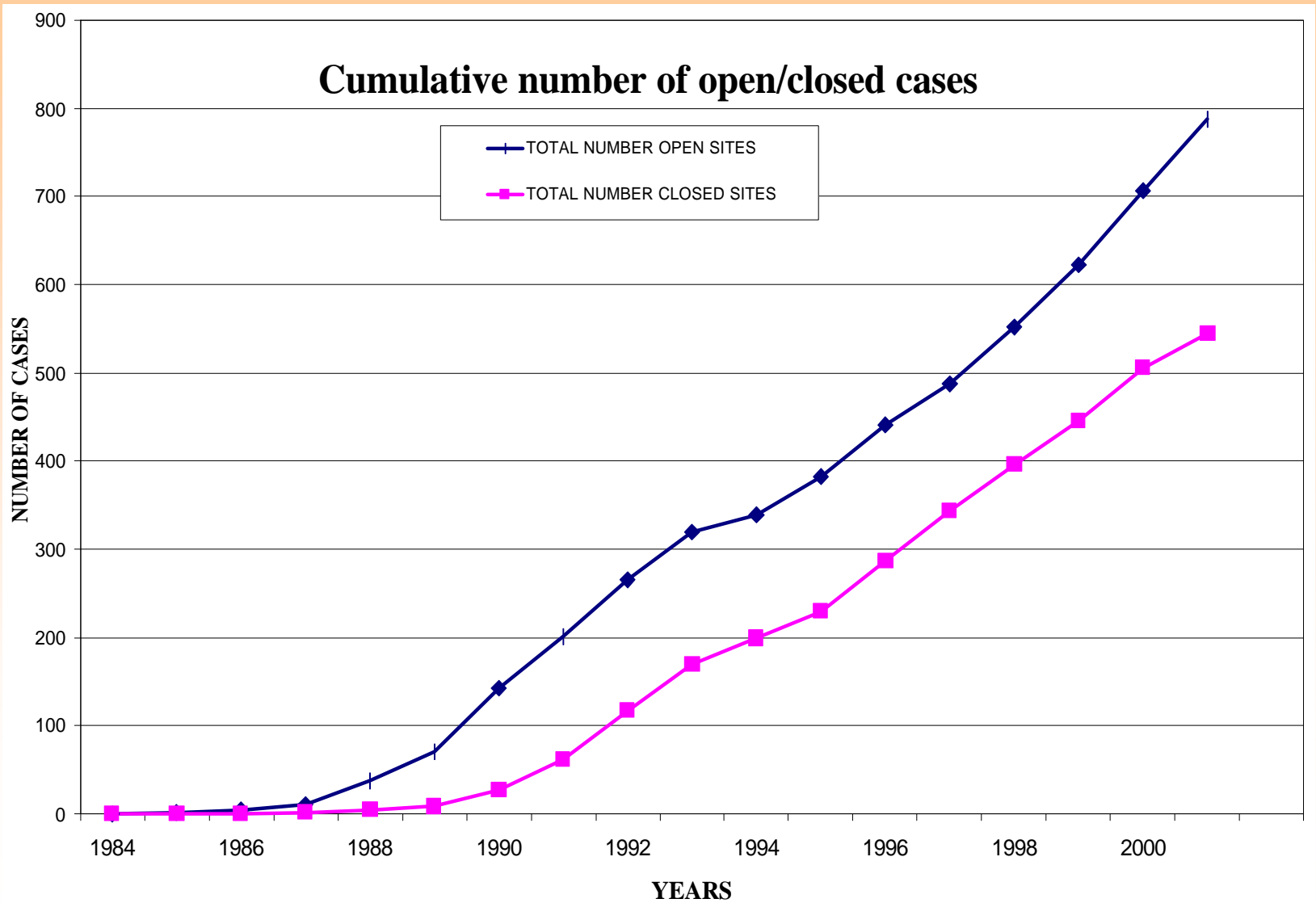
- Administered by CAL-EPA Site Designation Committee
- CAL-EPA delegates regulatory authority to appropriate agencies like DEH
- DEH/SAM projects are conducted under VAP
- Projects are completed to the standards of DTSC and the RWQCB
- May communicate with Department of Fish & Game, US Fish & Wildlife, etc
- Decisions made are processed through agency involvement
- NFA or Certification of Completion

NUMBER OF CASES

TOTAL ACTIVE CASES



CUMULATIVE TOTAL



DEH SITE DESIGNATION CASES

SITE NAME AND ADDRESS	STATUS	DEH LEAD
San Diego Convention Center San Diego	Started 1995 Active	LEA
Coronado Boat Yard Coronado	Started 1995 Completed 1997	SAM
The Green House Oceanside	Started 1996 Completed 1997	LEA
Mariners Park National City	Started 1996 Active	SAM
Tripp Salvage Landfill 1 & 2 San Diego	Started 1996 Active	LEA
East Village Redevelopment CCDC, San Diego Ball Park	Started 1998 Active	SAM
Education Village CDC, National City	Started 2001 Active	SAM
Harbor District CDC, National City	Started 2001 Active	SAM
12th Avenue and Market Street CCDC, San Diego	Pending to start soon	SAM



Future of the VAP Program

- SB 35
 - Complements the existing Polanco Redevelopment Act
 - Authorizes city and county agencies, as “Local Agency”, to order the owner/operator of a property to undertake site investigation and clean up
 - Would make the owner/operator liable for the costs incurred by the “Local Agency”
 - Provides for local “Oversight Agency” such as the VAP Program



Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) - Response Action Regulations

- DTSC is in the process of establishing a single process for site cleanup activities conducted by DTSC and the Certified Unified Program Agencies (CUPAs)
- Health and Safety Code Chapters 6.8 and 6.5
- The proposed requirements for these cleanups will be consistent with the federal cleanup requirements



DTSC - Response Action Regulations Continued...

- This plan would allow DEH as a CUPA to oversee local cleanup activities regarding establishments they regulate
- This will lead to significant increase in the numbers of VAP cases
- DTSC web page describing the Response Action Regulations
 - http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/LawsRegulationsPolicies/Response_Action/responseactregnotice2.pdf



Public Outreach

- DEH/SAM is planning to conduct group presentations for a variety of public groups and private businesses, to enhance their knowledge and to solicit their participation in the VAP Program
- These groups include real estate agencies, banks, lending companies, city and county schools
- In addition, we will be giving presentations to other agencies such as city planning and building departments and the county Department of Planning and Land Use



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